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To Paul Hoch and Jim Schmitt
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Harold Weisberg 5/29/69

Jim closes with a question, "Maybe it should be researched further?" I begin iwht a suggestion, "Yes", amplified by a conjecture:

I would be inclined to think Oswald was given Davidson's mother's name and address by the good doctor himself, perhaps so that, on his way to the South, he could stop off and tell her how good her son looks, what kind of nice touch he has in Moscow, etc. Of the other possibilities of how Oswald got this address, none that immediately suggests itself is not sinister.

Okay, thisnbeing the case, I suggest it shows Oswald was not unwelcome in the Moscow Embassy. Certainly this is not the unusual kind of thing between a staffer(albeit a doctor not a clerk) and a defector known to the embassy to have attempted to get Russian citizenship and to have assured the embassy he was going to give military secrets away.

I'm inclined to think Dr. Davidson's uncertainty is like that at the Jones Printing Co. Oswald was a defector. If on no other basis, Davidson would remember him. The FBI knew his address to be in Oswald's notebook. Accepting this kind of explanation is not real FBI derring-do. And the business of the two children doesn't ring true. It doesn't even indicate the "man" was an American.

Jim has his own valid suspicions. I hope he carries this further. If he does not get the full document, let me know and sometime about three of four months after I ask for it, I'll have it.

How does this stack up with the explanation of the use made of the Oswald notebook?

I think it would be good to check Embassy assignement for that period. It may indicate a special function for Davison, perhaps in communicable diseases (with the US government having its center in this work in Atlanta, it is not impossible Davison was assigned there before going to USSR).

And an "attractive female" doesn't fix herself in a man's mind, not at all, not when she is with a returning American undoubtedly Oswald? How many returnees could there have been with wives of Russian citizenship examined by Davison?